J & K State function to the maximum possible extent and for expeditious disposal of applications for transfer of accounts from the Valley, if so desired by the customers.

(c) Government have issued instructions to all commercial banks to give compensatory facilities like special compensatory allowance and pool accomodation to the staff with adequate security.

Decline in share of Kerala in income tax, excise duty etc.

993. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the percentage share of Kerala in respect of income-tax, excise duty and additional excise duty came down perceptibly as a result of the norms adopted by the Ninth Finance Commission;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to rectify this position; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) As compared to the Eighth Finance Commission's award, the share of Kerala in respect of income tax, duty & additional excise duty has come down under the award of Ninth Finance Commission as shown below:

	Percentage share	
	Eighth Finance Commission	Ninth Finance Commission
Income Tax .	3.760	3.729
Excise Duty .	3.800	3.087
Additional Excise Duty .	3.963	3.723

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission (Second Report) for the five years period commencing from 1st of April, 1990 have already been accepted by the Government.

Disposal of the Appeal Against the balance demand from Chairman Express Group of Newspapers

994. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2442 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the appeal against the balance demand of Rs. 26,82,164 from the Chairman, Indian Express Group of Newspapers has been disposed of;

(b) if so, whether the recovery has since been made; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for such undue delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The demand of Rs. 26,82,164 referred to in the question was not due from the Chairman, Indian Express Group of Newspapers but was due from Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt Ltd. Appeals against this demand have been disposed of by the Commissioner (Appeals). After disposal of appeals, this demand has been reduced to Rs. 2,93,914.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The appeals were decided on 13.6.1990. After receipt of the appellate orders, the Assessing Officer has recently served revised demand notices on the assessee.

Misuse of loans given by banks to the Chairman, Express Group

995. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1012 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the appeal against the disallowance of certain losses shown by the Chairman, Indian Express